

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **28 December 2006**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-32. Claims 1-7, 11-17, 21-27, 31 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Or-Bach (US Pub. No. 2006/0176075 hereinafter “Or-Bach”). Claims 8-10, 18-20, and 28-30 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and allowable subject matter

Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 11-17, 21-27, 31, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Claims 8-10, 18-20, and 28-30 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicant has rewritten claims 8, 18, and 28 in independent form as claims 1, 11, and 21. Applicant has also rewritten the allowable subject matter in independent form as an integrated circuit claim 31 and a mask claim 32. Applicant has amended claims 9, 19, and 29 to reflect the correct dependency. No new matter has been added. Claims 8, 18, and 28 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, 21, 31, and 32 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-7, 9, and 10, which depend upon claim 1, claims 12-17, 19, and 20, which depend upon claim 11, and claims 22-27, 29, and 30, which depend upon claim 21, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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